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SCIENCE AFTER HOURS RETURNS JANUARY 12

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: SPEAKEASY SCIENCE

THE ALL-TIME MOST ATTENDED THEME RETURNS TO LAUNCH 2016

Philadelphia, PA—December 7, 2015—The Franklin Institute uncorks the 2016 season of Science After Hours in January with the return of its most popular theme to date: **Speakeasy Science**. Drawing a sellout crowd of 2,200 attendees earlier this year with a combination of creative costumes, catapult crafting, and colorful cocktails, **Speakeasy Science** will kick- off a new year of uniquely-themed evenings designed exclusively for adults ages 21 and older on January 12. From **Seven Deadly Sins** on Mardi Gras (February 9) and **Creatures of the Night** on Halloween (October 31) to pop culture hits like the **Science Behind Pixar** *in celebration of The Franklin Institute's upcoming exhibition of the same name* and **Wizard School** for all Harry Potter fans—the 2016 themes run the gamut.

Science After Hours is The Franklin Institute's uber-popular monthly evening event series featuring experiments, demonstrations and engaging science curated by The Franklin Institute in collaboration with organizations all across the city. The series is designed to appeal to our young adult audience by combining offbeat themes, live performances, wine, beer and cocktails, plus access to the museum's iconic exhibits in an adults-only after hours setting—all with a splash of science. Since its 2014 debut, Science After Hours has quickly grown into one of the Institute's most popular and highest in-demand monthly events drawing a range of 700-2200 attendees each month.

Science After Hours attendees can revisit the roaring twenties on **Tuesday, January 12** with an encore presentation of **Speakeasy Science**. The evening takes visitors back to a decade famous for bootleg liquor, flappers and the booze catapult. Visitors can delve into the science and mastery behind gambling, smuggling and propaganda, and even learn the simple dance steps of the Lindy Hop and The Charleston. Other such "outlawed" topics and activities include: submarine challenges, mousetrap cars, patent medicine, cryptology, and home brewing. The yearlong series of events continues in February on Mardi Gras with **Seven Deadly Sins**, a full list of topics and dates is below. #ScienceAfterHours takes place the second Tuesday of each month from 7-10pm (with the exception of April, May and October). Tickets are available at www.fi.edu . Admission is $15 for the public, $10 for members of The Franklin Institute (21+) with the exception of May 23 **Science Behind Pixar** which will be $25 for the public, $19

for members and includes admission to the new special exhibition **The Science Behind Pixar**. Science After Hours is sponsored by AT&T.

2016 SCIENCE AFTER HOURS

January 12: Speakeasy Science
February 9: Seven Deadly Sins
March 8: Party like a Rock Star
April 29: Philadelphia Science Festival Closing Party: Nerd Olympics
May 23: Science Behind Pixar
July 12: Treasure Hunt
August 9: Don't Try This at Home
September 20: Wizard School
October 31: Creatures of the Night
November 15: Prime Time Crime

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